

MIAMI-DADE PARK AND RECREATION

THE CORPORATE EXPERIENCE

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS • CORPORATE RENTALS • CATERING

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Dear Robert,

We just wanted to thank you and Danny for one of the greatest days ever. We are completely enamored of the beauty of the Everglades, and are already thinking about our next trip. Having you guys share your knowledge and love of the plants, animals, people and history enabled us to appreciate so much more of what's there than we could ever have by ourselves.

It took a long time, but we each have come up with our favorite thing of the day. I loved the periphyton, Bradley loved the huge alligators, and George loved holding hands with CeCe. He also loved holding the ball python.

It's hard to imagine a lovelier way to spend your days than wandering around the Everglades, showing off its magnificence to newcomers.

Thanks again,
Brealyn, Bradley and George

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GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME

We welcome you to the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department. We offer spectacular South Florida locations and a wide-variety of tours and programs for memorable special events and corporate gatherings year-round. The historic Deering Estate at Cutler and Fruit & Spice Park provide meeting space with beautiful landscaping and stunning views. Miami-Dade Parks EcoAdventures offer naturalist guided tours and programs in a sub-tropical environment. A dedicated planning staff will assist you in creating an event customized to your specific needs.

ECOADVENTURES

Miami-Dade Parks EcoAdventures offers a wide variety of naturalist-guided excursions for nature lovers & sport enthusiasts that combine adventure, recreation, and natural history. *4000 Crandon Blvd. Key Biscayne, FL www.miamiecoadventures.org*

DEERING ESTATE AT CUTLER

Located along the shores of Biscayne Bay, the Deering Estate at Cutler is an environmental preserve with native flora and fauna and historic structures that provide a unique setting for corporate groups to host meetings, luncheons, or team building retreats.

16701 SW 72 Avenue Miami, FL www.deeringestate.org

FRUIT & SPICE PARK

The Fruit & Spice Park grows more than 500 varieties of sub-tropical fruits, herbs, spices, vegetables and nuts from around the world on 39 lush acres in the agricultural Redland. The park offers botanical tours, fruit tasting and naturalist led workshops. Guests can also enjoy lunch at the Mango Café.

24801 SW 187 Avenue Homestead, FL www.fruitandspicepark.org

RESERVATION AND PAYMENT

Reservations - All reservations are subject to availability and must be made in advance. At the time of booking, a deposit equal to 50% of the total on demand/specialty tour fee is due from the Tour Operator in order to secure the tour date, time and features. If payment is not received within two weeks of the reservation request, Miami Dade Park and Recreation Department will automatically remove the reservation from the calendar. Credit cards (MasterCard, Visa, and American Express) are accepted as well as cash or check payments. Checks should be made payable to: Miami-Dade County. Payments cannot be accepted after the program date.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

Miami Dade Park and Recreation Department may cancel programs and activities when there is insufficient participant response or when weather or other circumstances beyond our control make it necessary. Refunds or credit toward another program will be provided if a program or activity is rescheduled or cancelled by Miami Dade Park and Recreation Department. As revenues from program fees must offset staff, equipment, and facility costs; and since commitments for these services must be made prior to the start of a program, no other refunds will be made. A 50% cancellation fee will be charged for cancellations made less than two weeks prior to trip. No-shows will be charged 100% of trip total. Excursions go out rain or shine, but they will be postponed or cancelled if lightning is in the area.

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EXPEDITION SOUTH FLORIDA

EVERGLADES SWAMP TROMP

MIN: 5 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 4 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Cool your feet on this watery hike through wet prairies, sloughs and cypress swamps in search of birds, wildflowers and adventure. This fun hike will explore the various Everglades habitats and the animals that call them home, from reptiles and amphibians to birds, mammals and colorful butterflies. To lessen the impact on the natural ecosystems this trip is limited to 20 participants. So be sure to sign up early and Be Sure to bring your binoculars and a change of shoes. This tour is rated moderate for wading in watery conditions. Trip leaves from A.D. Barnes Park Sense of Wonder Nature Center.



FAKAHATCHEE STRAND SWAMP EXPLORATION

MIN: 5 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 8 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE TO STRENUOUS

This is wild Florida at its best. Leave your inhibitions behind and slog into the heart of the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve in Collier County. In this daunting, but picturesque swamp, you will discover some of the rarest plants in Florida, including the Ghost Orchid, featured in the best-selling book, "The Orchid Thief." Let your footprints mingle with those of the Florida panther, black bear and Everglades mink. Not only is this a place that is rich in flora and fauna, it also has an interesting history, and part of your tour you will walk along old, elevated logging roads created to harvest cypress trees in the 1940s. Prepare for rugged adventure on this EcoAdventure.



AIRBOAT & SWAMP TROMP

MIN: 10 MAX: VARIES / DURATION 5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Your tour begins with an exciting outing on the Everglades' unique transportation vehicle- the airboat. This unusual craft skims inches above the wet sawgrass marsh for a truly memorable ride and a great first look at this amazing ecosystem. Then jump back in the Eco-van for the next leg of our journey; the "Swamp Tromp!" Cool your feet on this watery hike through wet prairies, sloughs and cypress swamps in search of birds, wildflowers and adventure. Finish your tour at The Pit BBQ restaurant for a taste of real "Glades" cuisine.



EXPEDITION SOUTH FLORIDA

GLADESMAN AIRBOAT ADVENTURE

MIN: 5 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 2 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY

Travel through the Everglades and discover a way of life forgotten by time. Together with your naturalist take an airboat ride through the “River of Grass” to an old hunting camp where you’ll learn how people survived in this harsh environment. Enjoy being one with nature as we teach you about this one of a kind ecosystem and the many plants and animals that call it home.



EVERGLADES AIRBOAT & SCENIC ADVENTURE

MIN: 10 MAX: VARIES / DURATION 5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY

Experience a truly special visit to the Everglades from inside an airboat. It’s the only way to get to the wet “back woods” of this globally recognized ecosystem. The vast, gentle charm of this “river of grass” will enchant you. Then jump back in the Eco-van for a scenic drive through the Everglades. The Everglades is the only ecosystem of its kind and you can only see it in here in Florida! Other stops may include the Miccosukee Indian Village or Everglades photographer Clyde Butcher’s Big Cypress Gallery. After your drive head over to The Pit BBQ restaurant and chow down on some alligator, cat fish, frog legs, just like the original Everglades pioneers!



GLADESMAN AIRBOAT ADVENTURE & PARADISE BBQ

MIN: 20 MAX: 200 / DURATION 2-2.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY

Join us for a truly unique get-together. Travel by airboat to an exclusive site deep in the Everglades and enjoy a memorable Gladesman’s cookout. You’ll feel like you’ve gone back in time. At the camp relax and listen to live music as you marvel at this Everglades oasis. Menu includes: BBQ ribs, BBQ chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, and dessert tray.



Brian F. Call

EXPEDITION SOUTH FLORIDA

EVERGLADES AIRBOAT & SHARK VALLEY BIKE ADVENTURE

MIN: 10 MAX: 20 / DURATION 5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE TO STRENUOUS

Glide through the Everglades and experience the breathtaking beauty and unique wildlife native to the “river of grass.” See the Purple Gallinule and the endangered Everglade Snail Kite as well as herons, grackles, turtles, raccoons and of course the American Alligator. After your airboat ride, jump back in the van and head to “Shark Valley.” Bike alongside your naturalist-guide through scenic saw grass prairies, grassy marshes, and tropical hardwood hammocks. Watch for alligators, wading birds and occasional otter as you peddle along the trail. Then head over to The Pit BBQ restaurant for some down home Everglades cooking. On the menu – alligator tail, cat fish, frog legs, and much more!



ANYWHERE FLORIDA CAMPING EXPEDITIONS

MIN: 2 MAX: 12 / DURATION: VARIES

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: VARIES



This series will offer treks to some of South Florida's prettiest natural areas. Camping made easy! Join in a variety of naturalist lead camping expeditions focusing on canoeing, backpacking, and bicycling. There's no better way to experience the beauty and uniqueness of our South Florida environment.

EVERGLADES CANOE EXPEDITION

MIN: 10 MAX: 20 / DURATION 5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE TO STRENUOUS

Travel in the Eco-Adventures van through the many landscapes which make up the Everglades. See pineland forests, cypress domes, grassland prairies, and mangrove jungles. Canoe wilderness waterways through mangrove tunnels and always be on the lookout for the natives - alligators, great blue herons, ospreys, gar and much more! As you navigate these crystal clear waters, let your naturalist-guides lead you on an expedition you'll never forget. Trip leaves from A.D. Barnes Park Sense of Wonder Nature Center.



KAYAK FISHING EXCURSIONS

MIN: 2 MAX: 7 / DURATION 4-8 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE TO STRENUOUS

Accompany an expert guide while you fish from a Wilderness Systems Tarpon 140 fishing kayak along the shallow western shoreline of Biscayne Bay or the Southern



tip of Florida in Florida Bay. Your guide will assist you with fishing techniques, lure selection, tying knots, and other professional advice. Targeted fish include barracuda, redfish, bonefish, snook, tarpon, permit, snapper, and sea trout.

EXPEDITION SOUTH FLORIDA

SOUTH FLORIDA BIRDING TOUR

MIN: 5 MAX: 20 / DURATION: VARIES

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY TO MODERATE

Pack your binoculars and spend a day with a professional guide in the northern Everglades region. Over 400 bird species inhabit this area, including some that are not seen anywhere else in the United States such as the endangered Everglades snail kite. This trip takes you to various habitats in the Big Cypress National Preserve's Loop Road area to look for native birds, warblers, hawks, and periodic stops to scan for wading bird activity along the way. This is a great opportunity for beginning birders to start their life list!



FINE ART NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY & AVIAN WORKSHOP

MIN: 5 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 2.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Join professional fine art and nature photographer, Brian Call, and EcoAdventure Naturalists in search of some of South Florida's perennial and migratory bird species. Watch for ibises, herons, egrets and other shorebirds in and around our shallow coastal waters. Spot migrating songbirds, including several types of warblers, vireos, and flycatchers, flitting through acres of pines, palms, mangroves, and tropical hardwoods. And don't forget to look up to see raptors soaring high overhead or, perhaps, just in time to glimpse the swift flight of a White-crowned Pigeon. Learn about topics including equipment, subject matter, exposure techniques, proper and creative composition, color, editing and cropping from a professional photographer.



Brian F. Call

FINE ART NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY & HABITAT TOUR

MIN: 5 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 2.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Join professional fine art and nature photographer, Brian Call and EcoAdventure Naturalists while discovering the plethora of flora and fauna throughout South Florida's lush native habitats. Traverse down the Native American footpaths, historic roads, or coastal environments. Photograph fine architectural features of some of South Florida's earliest buildings. From sunrises to sunsets, seascapes to forest portraits, there are endless opportunities to use as your backdrop.



Brian F. Call

EXPEDITION SOUTH FLORIDA

UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY TOUR

MIN: 4 MAX: 24 / DURATION: 6-8 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Start your journey by kayak as you paddle out to your snorkel/photography site. Capture the wonders of the ocean floor while being lead by an expert photographer and naturalist. Learn how to use your digital camera and get the best shots possible when shooting underwater. No camera is too big or too small. Be on the lookout for tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, sea stars, coastal birds, and strange marine life. Instruction in the use of Adobe Photoshop is also available. Kayak rental is included. Photographers must bring their own camera and underwater housing equipment.



Brian F. Cail

Whether fishing the inshore or offshore waters, scuba diving or snorkeling on the coral reef ecosystems, canoeing or kayaking the expanse of open water and inland water systems, South Florida has an abundance of underwater natural resources.

KAYAKING, CANOEING, SNORKELING & BAY CRUISE



MATHESON HAMMOCK PADDLEBOARD EXCURSION

MIN: 5 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 2 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Would you like a nature tour and an easy workout all in one? Here's the perfect trip for you. Paddleboarding is the hottest adventure sport around. It gently works out every major muscle group in your body and trains your sense of balance. Combine it with a relaxed naturalist-led exploration of the waters off Matheson Hammock and our local turtle grass flats and mangrove shoreline, providing habitat and shelter for lobsters, parrot fish and South Florida's other small creatures - a tour made in heaven! Plus, you won't have to worry about getting to the gym later.

One of the best things about working with Miami-Dade Parks is our flexibility in scheduling. We strive to meet every group's requirements whether its time constraints, activities, or anything else. That's why so many of our clients tell us they love working with us. Our goal is to make sure you and your customers are happy.

KAYAKING, CANOEING, SNORKELING & BAY CRUISE

SEA KAYAK & SNORKEL ADVENTURE

MIN: 5 MAX: 60 / DURATION: 3.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

On this naturalist-guided kayak trip along the Key Biscayne shoreline, you will explore and discover the abundant marine life that inhabits the sand flats and sea grass beds. Snorkel over the fossilized rock reef formed from petrified Black mangroves 1500 years ago. Swim alongside the tropical fish, Spotted eagle rays, sea stars, and coastal birds that share this rare and unique environment. All equipment is provided except closed-toe shoes (water shoes). Trip leaves from the Crandon Park Visitors & Nature Center.



HISTORIC GABLES WATERWAY CANOE ADVENTURE

MIN: 5 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 3 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY TO MODERATE

One of the joys of paddling a canoe is the access it gives you to memorable places such as the Coral Gables Waterway. It is a leisure canoeing experience that encompasses both nature and history in a delightful blend of unique natural vistas and historic landmarks. A surprising amount of wild-life can be seen in the water and on the shore. All equipment is provided except closed-toe shoes (water shoes).



KEY BISCAYNE KAYAK ADVENTURE

MIN: 5 MAX: 30 / DURATION: 2.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Kayak along the beautiful shallow waters of Key Biscayne and explore the protected areas of Bear Cut Preserve where land meets the sea. Join us as we discover the tropical fish, Spotted eagle rays, sea stars, and coastal birds that share this fragile and unique environment. All equipment is provided except closed-toe shoes (water shoes). Trip leaves from the Crandon Park Visitors & Nature Center.



SUNSET & MOONLIGHT KAYAK ADVENTURE

MIN: 5 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 2.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Relax as you journey along the shallow waters of Key Biscayne. Watch the sun slowly set while you paddle your way through the unspoiled expanse of Bear Cut Preserve. As

you make your way back, gaze at the rising moon as it lights your path through the tropical waters. This is truly a mind, body, and spirit adventure. All equipment is provided except closed-toe shoes (water shoes). Trip leaves from the Crandon Park Visitors & Nature Center.



KAYAKING, CANOEING, SNORKELING & BAY CRUISE

BISCAYNE BAY CANOE TREK

MIN: 5 MAX: 40 / DURATION: 2.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY TO MODERATE

Explore the mangrove forests of Key Biscayne where reptiles and a wide variety of marine life lurk. Visit the Ibis preserve and see tropical coastal shore birds such as the magnificent Frigate birds, nesting Brown pelicans, cormorants, White ibis and a variety of herons and egrets. This naturalist-guided canoe trek takes you through the forgotten and secret parts of this barrier-island. All equipment is provided except closed-toe shoes (water shoes). Trip leaves from the Crandon Park Visitors & Nature Center.



CHICKEN KEY SUNRISE CANOE TREK

MIN: 5 MAX: 14 / DURATION: 3 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Depart from Deering's boat turning basin on a guided canoe tour of Biscayne Bay. You will paddle to Chicken Key, a seven-acre island and nature preserve, surrounded by sand bars, tidal flats, and seagrass beds. Dunes habitats and mangrove forests serve as the island's restored bird rookery. Observe manatees, stingrays, sharks and sea turtles, as well as various species of wading birds such as egrets, herons and ibis.



CHICKEN KEY MOONLIGHT CANOE TREK

MIN: 5 MAX: 14 / DURATION: 3 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Paddle a canoe under tropical stars to the offshore island of Chicken Key. An Education & Interpretive Staff Member will share the unique natural history of the area with you as you roast marshmallows by the campfire.



MATHESON BAY SHORE CANOE OR KAYAK TREK

MIN: 5 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 2 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY TO MODERATE

Immerse yourself in the remarkable beauty of Biscayne Bay. Travel with your naturalist-guide through mangroves, the world's only salt-water trees, and discover a world filled with Brown Pelicans, Osprey, Great Blue Herons, Nurse Sharks, Sting Rays, and more. All equipment is provided except closed-toe shoes (water shoes). Trip leaves from the Matheson Hammock Park & Marina.



KAYAKING, CANOEING, SNORKELING & BAY CRUISE

HALF MOON BOAT & SNORKELING ADVENTURE

MIN: 20 MAX: 30 / DURATION: 2.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE TO STRENUOUS

Travel back in time as you re-discover the Half Moon. This former German racing yacht, built in 1908, was a popular Miami floating casino and restaurant in the 1920's. Today she is recognized as the 7th established underwater archaeological preserve in the State of Florida! While snorkeling you will see brilliant tropical fish and other extraordinary marine creatures. All equipment is provided. Trip leaves from the Crandon Park Visitors & Nature Center.



INDIAN KEY KAYAK & SNORKEL ADVENTURE

MIN: 10 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 8 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE TO STRENUOUS

This is truly an EcoAdventure! Jump in our Eco-van with your naturalist-guide as we make our way to Indian Key, the first government seat of Miami-Dade County. Explore the island by canoe, just as the first settlers did in the 1800s. Snorkel in the clear waters and surrounding coral reefs which are teeming with wildlife! Join us as we retell historic events and spend the day exploring the island on foot.

HISTORIC OLETA RIVER CANOE OR KAYAK TREK

MIN: 5 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 3 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

For at least 2000 years, the Oleta River has been a major source of food, water and transportation for its human inhabitants ranging from the Tekesta Indians, Spanish explorers and the present day Miccosukee and Seminole Indians. On this naturalist-guided trip, canoeists will observe herons, White ibis, and Osprey and explore a tropical hardwood hammock in East Greynolds Park. Step back in time as you explore this natural river system in northeast Miami-Dade County. All equipment is provided except closed-toe shoes (water shoes).



KAYAKING, CANOEING, SNORKELING & BAY CRUISE

PELICAN SKIPPER BISCAIYNE BAY CRUISE

MIN: 20 MAX: 40 / DURATION: 2 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY

Cruise the waters of Biscayne Bay aboard a 45 foot catamaran. Accompanied by a Deering Estate Interpretative & Educational Staff Member, you'll have the opportunity to observe the wildlife which inhabits the waters and shores of Biscayne Bay and learn about the history of this richly diverse aquatic habitat.



PELICAN SKIPPER STILTSVILLE BAY CRUISE

MIN: 20 MAX: 40 / DURATION: 2 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY

Cruise the waters of Biscayne Bay aboard a 45 foot catamaran. Visit Stiltsville, a group of historic wood structures located one mile south of Cape Florida in Biscayne Bay. Today seven of the twenty seven buildings remain as part of the Stiltsville Trust and are owned by the National Park Service. Explore the waters and listen to tales of Prohibition Era smugglers that made their runs between Miami and the Bahamas.

CORAL GABLES WATERWAY PELICAN SKIPPER BOAT CRUISE

MIN: 20 MAX: 40 / DURATION: 2 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY

When George Merrick was developing Coral Gables, a Spanish themed suburb of Miami, he needed a way to get guests at the Biltmore Hotel, his luxury inland resort, to the waterfront. His solution dig a canal out to the bay. Today it's one of the loveliest water passages in Miami. Join the EcoAdventures crew for a mellow tour of the Coral Gables Waterway with its scenic views of luxury homes, gorgeous landscapes, and native wildlife. The tour begins at historic Matheson Hammock Park with its Civilian Conservation Corp buildings and atoll pool, and gently cruises along through Biscayne Bay to the Waterway entrance. You'll marvel at Merrick's dream.



Brian F. Call

KAYAKING, CANOEING, SNORKELING & BAY CRUISE

PELICAN SKIPPER THREE LIGHTHOUSES BAY CRUISE

MIN: 20 MAX: 40 / DURATION: 3.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY

Explore the waters of Biscayne Bay while visiting the lighthouse at Boca Chita Key, the Fowey Rocks Lighthouse, and the historic Cape Florida Light aboard the 45 foot catamaran, the Pelican Skipper. The lighthouse at Boca Chita Key was built from native coral rock. The Fowey Rocks Lighthouse is cast iron with a skeletal tower and is still in operation today. The Cape Florida Light still marks the Florida Channel, the deepest natural channel into Biscayne Bay.

My family took the kayak & snorkel tour on May 8th, I and we had a wonderful time. The guides were fantastic - RJ and Sergio (I believe), were so very into the marine and wildlife, that their exuberance rubbed off on all of us. They were great at explaining things at a level that was appropriate for everyone, and took the time to explore our questions with us. We really commend their dedication and enthusiasm. I hope this tour is offered for many years, so others can gain an appreciation for the wonders of the ocean.

Regards,
Laura, John, Saige and Taylen



Brian F. Cail

BIKING

KEY BISCAIYNE BIKE ADVENTURE

MIN: 5 MAX: 50 / DURATION: 2.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY TO MODERATE

Explore the southernmost barrier island of the United States once home to pirates, wreckers, and the Tequesta Indians. Experience Key Biscayne's natural tropical beauty, rich history, and abundant wildlife. This 8-mile naturalist-guided bike trip will take you through Crandon Park's rich vegetation and includes stops at Bear Cut Preserve, Crandon Marina, The Village of Key Biscayne and The Crandon Gardens. All equipment is provided.



SOUTH BEACH HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL BIKE TOUR

MIN: 5 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 2.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY TO MODERATE

Learn about the real South Beach and how it became famous. Bike along Ocean Drive, Lincoln Road Mall, Collins Avenue and Espanola Way. See some of the most famous



buildings and greatest examples of the Art Deco style of architecture. Discover hidden meanings in architectural details, and the dreams of the pioneers who established the world renowned vacation destination. All equipment is provided.

REDLAND HISTORIC BIKE TOUR

MIN: 5 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 3 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Cycle your way through the historic Redland Agriculture District, a productive farming community where tomato and strawberry U-pick fields, tree and ornamental plant nurseries and even fish farms shape the region's rural character. This leisurely paced naturalist-guided bike tour leaves from Castellow Hammock Park, formerly part of the James Castellow citrus grove, and travels across county roads with stopovers at the Will Anderson's general store and Knaus Berry Farm. The trip continues to Redland Fruit and Spice Park for a refreshing stop, touring the garden and sampling delicious tropical fruits. Tour concludes at Castellow Hammock Park. All equipment is provided.



DEERING ESTATE SEVEN HABITATS BIKE TOUR

MIN: 5 MAX: 50 / DURATION: 2.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY TO MODERATE



Join a Deering Naturalists on an Eco-Bike Tour along historic limestone trails and through native ecosystems preserved at the Deering Estate at Cutler. From a mangrove forest at the edge of Biscayne Bay, to tropical hardwood hammock, and through globally endangered rock pinelands, pedal along and visit Miami as it was long ago.

BIKING

EVERGLADES PINELAND BIKE & HIKE

MIN: 10 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 4 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE TO STRENUOUS

There is simply no better way to experience the serene beauty of the Everglades than from the seat of a bicycle. Explore the biologically rich pinelands at Lone Pine Key with trained naturalists and experience close encounters with wildlife, wildflowers and other special interests along the seven-mile bike route (14 miles round trip)(Can be adjusted to 7 mile trip). All equipment is provided.



EVERGLADES PINELAND BIKE & WINE TASTING

MIN: 10 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 4

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE TO STRENUOUS

Enjoy a leisurely-paced 7-mile bike ride along the Long Pine Key Nature Trail in Everglades National Park, followed by a picturesque sunset over Pine Glades Lake while you sample exotic wines and cheeses. Bicycles, helmets, wine, snacks, and transportation into Everglades National Park provided.



Meet at the Ernest Coe Visitor Center in Everglades National Park. Food options are also available. All equipment is provided.

SHARK VALLEY SUNSET BIKE TRIP

MIN: 5 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 4 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE TO STRENUOUS

Experience the serene and quiet beauty of the Everglades at sunset on this naturalist-guided bike trip at Shark Valley in Everglades National Park. Peddle your way down a paved 15 mile loop through the heart of the Everglades. Stop at the observation tower and get a bird's eye view of the river of Grass. All equipment is provided.



Our staff is highly trained for your comfort, safety, and enlightenment. CPR, First Aid, Basic Water Rescue, Small Craft Safety, Customer Service, and Fundamentals of Interpretation are just some of the certifications we require. But, it's our years of experience that really make the difference. As an organization we have over 30 years of taking people outdoors, and our naturalists average over 8 years of experience. That translates to real know-how that makes your program special.

WALKING AND TREKKING

MIAMI HERITAGE TOUR: SEE IT LIKE A NATIVE

MIN: 10 MAX: VARIES / DURATION: 4 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY

Let your senses explode with the sounds, tastes and smells of the real Miami. Learn about the rich history of the “Magic City” as we take you to some of the most talked about locations around. Discover the history of Miami Beach’s Art Deco district and how it came to be. Visit downtown Miami and hear the little known story of an event that almost changed history. Stroll down “Calle Ocho” where you’ll learn the unique heritage of the Cuban-American community. Visit a Cuban cigar factory reestablished here in Little Havana and discover the amazing story of its owners. Drive through the natural and architectural beauty of Coral Gables, the first planned community in the United States. And, savor some of Miami’s best food as we take you to a Cuban owned open air fruit market and eatery. This is a trip that’s sure to change how you think of Miami. Transportation is included for up to 30 participants.



DEERING ESTATE AT CUTLER ART & ARCHITECTURE TOUR

MIN: 5 MAX: 60 / DURATION: 1.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY

The Deering Estate at Cutler once housed one of the most extensive and valuable art and antique collections in South Florida. Charles Deering’s vast collection of paintings included works by Goya, Murillo, El Greco, Zuluaga, Sorolla, Padilla, Tiepolo, Degas, Boldini, Winslow, Whistler, Gainsborough, Fortuny, Zorn, John S. Sargent and Ramon Casas. Also learn about the architectural styles of the historic houses – including Mediterranean Revival and Frame Vernacular.



ARTIST VILLAGE STUDIO TOUR & WORKSHOP

MIN: 5 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 2.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY

In Charles Deering’s time, the Carriage House and Power House served as a garage, machine shop and servants’ quarters. Today, these houses make up the Artist Village at the Deering Estate providing studio, exhibit, and classroom space for local writers, poets, painters, and sculptors. Interact with emerging artists and learn about their area of expertise as they create, display, and sell original works of art.



WALKING AND TREKKING

PINE ROCKLAND HABITAT TOUR

MIN: 5 MAX: 60 / DURATION: 1.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Hike through a globally endangered ecosystem at the Deering Estate at Cutler and experience the globally endangered habitat of South Florida's unique pine forest, home to threatened species such as the Gopher tortoise, Rim Rock Crowned snake, and White Crowned pigeon.



ETHNOBOTANY TOUR – DEERING ESTATE

MIN: 5 MAX: 60 / DURATION: 1.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Hike through a globally endangered ecosystem. A colorful lecture and a special tour of the park will explore the relationship between plants and our culture and history. A gourmet box lunch or lunch on your own in the Royal Palm Grove can top off the day's activities.



DEERING ESTATE AT CUTLER BIRD WALK

MIN: 5 MAX: 30 / DURATION: 1.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE



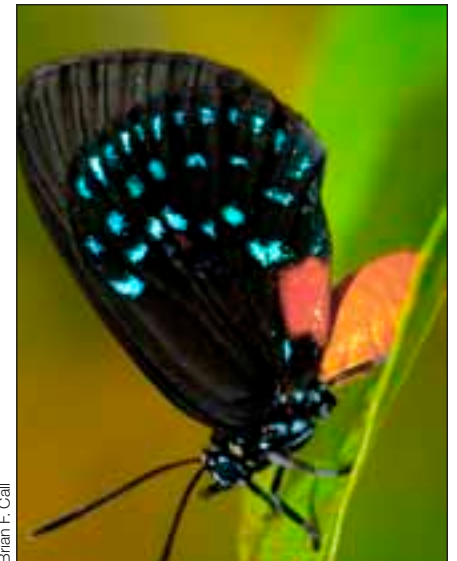
Explore mangrove, hammock, and pineland habitats with an experienced guide, identifying some of the 170 species of birds recorded at the Deering Estate. Spring and Fall seasons always afford birders an opportunity to spot migrants like warblers and hawks, and rarities like Mangrove cuckoos, Peregrine falcons and Limpkins are occasional visitors. An early morning start time is recommended for this tour.

DEERING ESTATE AT CUTLER BUTTERFLY WALK

MIN: 5 MAX: 30 / DURATION: 1.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

The Deering Estate is home to several rarely seen species of butterfly. Walk with a naturalist through various habitats in search of Dina yellow, Dingy purplewing, and Atala butterflies, as well as others of the nearly forty species recorded here.



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WALKING AND TREKKING

NIGHT HIKE & CAMPFIRE BY THE BAY

MIN: 5 MAX: 40 / DURATION: 2 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Explore the Tropical Hardwood Hammock and Pine Rocklands at the Deering Estate at Cutler by night. Listen to Great Horned and Eastern Screech owls as well as other night creatures as you walk the ancient Tekesta path to the Cutler Burial Mound. End the evening roasting marshmallows by a campfire.



ETHNOBOTANY TOUR – FRUIT & SPICE PARK

MIN: 5 MAX: 30 / DURATION: 1.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Ethnobotany at the Fruit & Spice Park - Our Ethnobotany Workshop features a tour of the Garden and presentation with an in depth study of the value of plants in our lives. Participants will experience plants we use every day, plants that changed history and culturally important ethnic plants.



TEKESTA TRAIL TOUR

MIN: 5 MAX: 40 / DURATION: 2 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Walk an ancient Tekesta path to the Cutler Burial Mound, handle fossils such as a 40,000 year old woolly mammoth tooth and tools, pottery and other artifacts left behind by the Tekesta people. Catch a glimpse of Great Horned owls nesting in our oak tree. Explore the rich cultural history of a people and way of life that vanished long ago.



REDLAND FARM TOUR

MIN: 10 MAX: 60 / DURATION 3 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY

This is a guided tour of the rich Redland agricultural region highlighting the seasonal farm activities of vegetables and tropical fruits. Stops will include a commercial orchid farm, farm fields and a nursery. A box lunch or lunch at the Park can be arranged with prior notice.



WALKING AND TREKKING

HISTORIC REDLAND GARDEN TOUR - FRUIT & SPICE PARK

MIN: 5 MAX: 30 / DURATION: 1.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Go back to simpler times in the Redland Farm District south 25 miles south of Miami. This region was homesteaded beginning in 1900. Visit old fruit groves and beautiful gardens at some of south Miami-Dade's historic homes. Homes built of coral rock or Dade County pine still dwell among the native and exotic tropical plants and sunshine that drew pioneers to south Florida. Participants will also learn how to garden and plant in this unusual soil and climate.

ARCH CREEK PARK GHOST STORY TOUR

MIN: 5 MAX: VARIES / DURATION: 1.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY

Arch Creek Park is a forgotten treasure lost in the thick of the ever-expanding city of North Miami. Once a Tekesta Indian village and later a stomping ground for early South Floridians, multitudes of people have passed over the now legendary natural limestone bridge that arches across the once pristine creek. The attraction these pioneers had to this tiny parcel of old Florida made Arch Creek a hub for myths, legends, and quite a few ghost stories. From as early as the late 1800's to present day, tales have been told of wandering Indian spirits, past employees who still tend to the park in the afterlife, accidental deaths, and even a few unfortunate murder victims. On this walking tour of Arch Creek, a guide will take to "hot-spots" through-out the park where patrons and employees have claimed to have paranormal experiences. Maybe you will have one of your own.



ANCESTRAL VOICES: DEERING ESTATE GHOST STORY TOUR

MIN: 20 MAX: 60 / DURATION: 1.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY

Everyone loves A Great Ghost Story! Now you can have your own paranormal experience if you dare to join us. In partnership with the League of Paranormal Investigators, learn about the many "Voices of the Past" that have lived in our community. Hear about the sightings and experiences from the actual paranormal investigation of the Deering Estate and see for yourself the evidence recorded on video, photographs and audio during the ongoing investigation of Miami's most haunted property!



BE YOUR OWN INVESTIGATOR PARANORMAL ACTIVITY TOUR

MIN: 20 MAX: 60 / DURATION: 2 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY



Spend an evening with the League of Paranormal Investigators and become part of the actual paranormal investigative team. Rediscover evidence and occurrences found in the historic houses and main grounds of the Deering Estate. Equipment used to detect spectral presences – such as pendulums, dowsing rods, EMF meters and cameras are welcome!

SERVICE LEARNING ADVENTURES

SEA TURTLE AWARENESS PROGRAM

MIN: 5 MAX: 50 / DURATION: 2.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY

Journey into the world of sea turtles as you participate in an informative presentation, followed by our summer release program. Learn about different sea turtle species and their life cycle, as well as some of the dangers they face throughout their lives. Come face to face with hatchlings and join them as they embark on their exciting journey into the depths of the ocean. Due to all sea turtles being protected by the Endangered Species Act no one besides the permitted staff are allowed to handle the hatchlings.



DUNE RESTORATION PROGRAM

MIN: 5 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 2.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE TO STRENUOUS

Dunes are the first line of defense from storms for our beaches. Without them much of our sand gets blown away or washed out and interior areas destroyed. Help create dunes in needed areas by planting Sea Oat seedlings or maintain existing ones by helping remove exotic species that impact the health of the dune.



MANGROVE COASTAL HABITAT RESTORATION PROGRAM

MIN: 5 MAX: 50 / DURATION: 2.5 – 4 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE TO STRENUOUS

Miami's mangrove forests are where much of life in Biscayne Bay begins. These beautiful trees support the food chain through its decaying leaves which are food for microscopic animals, and they provide shelter for many fish and other marine creatures. They are also critical to inshore areas in dissipating the energy of storm surges helping to reduce destruction during hurricanes. Through planting programs and debris removal you'll keep these vital areas healthy and growing.



The heart of all our interpretation is helping people understand and value our environment enough to want to protect it. Our effort is best exemplified by the Sea Turtle Conservation Program. For over 35 years we've helped this creature survive a changing environment and taught people about the challenges they face. Our Sea Turtle release presentations are sold-out every year. Through it we've reached literally thousands of people and by telling the story of the hatchlings we release inspire them to want to be stewards of the land and sea.

SERVICE LEARNING ADVENTURES

ADOPT-A-PLOT, CRANDON GARDENS

MIN: 5 MAX: 20 / DURATION: 2.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY TO STRENUOUS

Help restore and maintain the historic Crandon Gardens. Formerly the home of Miami's first zoo, this lovely area is a tranquil respite from the hectic pace of urban life. Claim your plot and work to bring it back to life.



ADOPT-A-TRAIL, HABITAT RESTORATION

MIN: 5 MAX: 60 / DURATION: 2.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

Adopt-a-trail volunteers assist the Deering Estate at Cutler staff by "adopting" portions of our natural areas and coastal environments to remove trash that has been illegally dumped. Adopt-a-Trail participants maintain specified trails year-round. The Estate has four primary trails/areas available for individual or community group adoption: Mangrove Trail, Restricted Natural Areas Trail, Public Natural Areas Trail and the Estate Perimeter (including the People's Dock and Chinese Bridge pathways).



DEERING ESTATE COMMUNITY BUTTERFLY GARDEN

MIN: 5 MAX: 60 / DURATION: 2.5 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: MODERATE

In partnership with Hands on Miami, volunteer gardeners are invited to prepare, plant and maintain our community butterfly garden with Florida friendly flowers and shrubs. Meet at the Visitor's Center 15 minutes before the start of the program and prepare to get your hands dirty. Ages 9 and up are welcome. Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



FRUIT & SPICE BACKYARD GARDENING

MIN: 20 MAX: 60 / DURATION 2 HOURS

LEVEL OF ACTIVITY: EASY

In this hands-on program participants will learn the basics of soil, fertilizer, planting, irrigation and pruning. An herb dish garden will be created and taken home by each participant. All materials are included. A box lunch or lunch at the Park can be arranged with prior notice for an additional fee.



AMENITIES

DEERING ESTATE AT CUTLER

CORPORATE RENTAL PROGRAM

(STONE HOUSE, VISITOR CENTER, COURTYARD, ROYAL PALM GROVE)

The Deering Estate at Cutler also offers rental facilities for corporate events, conferences, meetings and team building retreats. Our auditorium and meeting rooms are

ideal for small or medium sized groups to host events that are unique. We offer a professional atmosphere with a respite from the daily work environment. For outdoor events, corporate picnics or luncheons, a tent can be rented to cover the Stone House Court Yard.



DEERING ESTATE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

MUSIC APPRECIATION PROGRAM

There is nothing more magical than sitting in an elegant Stone House Ballroom at the historic Deering Estate at Cutler and listening to the live sounds of Liszt, Schumann and Chopin. Or, bringing those sounds to your private event... Over one hundred years ago, many patrons of the arts held salon performances with intimate musical entertainment for guests. Our onsite program combines ensemble performances with lectures, visual art exhibits and interpretive programs. It acquaints the public with the best of South Florida's artistic spirit through collaborations with faculty from the University of Miami and Florida International University, principal players of regional, national, and international professional orchestras, top youth performers and national and international guest composers.

FRUIT & SPICE PARK

CORPORATE RENTAL PROGRAM

CORAL ROCK BUILDING RENTAL

The Coral Rock Building at the Fruit & Spice Park was built in 1913 from native stone in typical pioneer style. Located in the quiet, rural Redland Farming District; it is a recognized

Miami-Dade County Historic site. Throughout the years it has been used as a residence, Citrus cancer Laboratory, jelly factory and community center. Today it is a meeting center with a capacity for 40 participants.



AMENITIES

CATERING BY THE MANGO CAFÉ AT FRUIT & SPICE PARK

Through a partnership with the Mango Café at the Fruit & Spice Park, EcoAdventures, Deering Estate at Cutler and Fruit & Spice Park can provide a varied breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner menu that can accommodate the discerning palate.



*All gratuities benefit the South Dade Garden Club a 501 C3 non for profit organization that assists in Park enhancement.

MENU

STARTERS

Toasted Sun Chips w/Mango Salsa
Fruit Sampler

SALADS

The Chopped Salad
Thai Chicken Salad
The Garden Salad

CAFÉ SPECIALTIES

Florida Lobster Roll
Shrimp Tacos
Pulled Pork Sandwich
Grilled Chicken & Bacon Quesadillas
Cuban Sandwich Panini Style

WRAPS & SANDWICHES

*Accompanied by kettle
cooked potato chips*

Asian Chicken Wrap
Turkey Club Wrap
Tuna Salad Wrap
Vegetarian Wrap
Specialty Pizza's

PERSONAL PIZZA'S (7 INCH)

Prepared with choice of: fresh from the garden herbs, tomatoes, bacon, onion & mozzarella cheese

DESSERT

Fresh Homemade Key Lime Pie
Mango Passion Cheesecake
The Ultimate Chocolate Cake
Fruit & Spice Smoothies & Shakes
Check out our daily decadent chilly concoctions

BEVERAGES

Green Tea Fuze
Peach Mango Fuze
Strawberry Guava Fuze
Banana Colada Fuze
Basil Seed Drink w/Honey
Red Tea w/Pomegranate
and Passion Fruit
Arizona Raspberry Iced Tea
Arizona Lemonade
Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite
Dasani Water

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